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For: A METHOD FOR PERFORMING A HAZARD REVIEW AND SAFETY

ANALYSIS OF A PRODUCT OR SYSTEM

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December 18, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows: